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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Jiandong Huang et al.	Examiner:	Bunjob Jaroenchonwanit
Serial No.:	09/751945	Group Art Unit:	2141
Filed:	December 29, 2000	Docket No:	H16-26156 (256.078US1) #21
Title	SOFTWARE-BASED FAULT-TOLERANT NETWORKING USING A SINGLE LAN		

PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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In accordance with the provision of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the final Office Action mailed June 25, 2003, said period of response being extended to December 25, 2003.

Applicants filed a response to the final Office Action mailed June 25, 2003 on August 25, 2003, which was received by the Office on August 28, 2003 (see attached return postcard). Since the response was filed within two months of the mailing date of the final Office Action, Applicants believe they should have received an Advisory Action or a Notice of Allowance before the final deadline of December 25, 2003. However, according to the Office, the amendment filed August 25, 2003 has not to date been entered in PAIR.

In order to keep this application pending, a Notice of Appeal is being filed herewith. Although it is believed that no extension fee should be due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge a one-month extension of \$110.00, if required, to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully Submitted

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By their Representatives,

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